



MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Regular Meetings: The First, Second,
And Third Tuesday of each month

REGULAR MEETING

County Courthouse
Bridgeport, California 93517

April 3, 2007

9:00 a.m. **Call meeting to Order led by Chairman Hazard**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Marshall Rudolph

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

M07-80

Bob Garret addressed the Board. Working on a contract for the new County Clerk-Recorder. I will add this as a discussion in executive session. Rudolph: You can add an urgency item if you are able to make two findings: #1 Need for immediate action. #2 The need came to the attention after posting the agenda.

ACTION: Closed Session item with labor negotiators concerning the Clerk-Recorder position. Agency designated negotiators: David Wilbrecht, Robert Garret, Brian Muir, Marshall Rudolph and unrepresented employee, candidate for County Clerk-Recorder position.

(Farnetti/Hunt 5-0)

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Reid- Stacey and I went to the Walker Basin Project in Yerington. It was extremely well-attended. We're flushing out some of the legislation, etc. They dance around the question "Will there be any water acquisitions in California?" Someone pretty much said no. Right now, it looks like they are only in Nevada. A lot of concern in the valleys. They are knocking on doors to see if there are willing sellers. They think the researchers should come up with alternative solutions. It also came out that they're targeting Mason Valley. It's closer to the lake. In combination with that, the people were concerned of the makeup of the stakeholders group (no one from the Mason Valley). I hope they are accommodated. Their target: 45-55,000 acre feet in addition to normal flows. Comment at meeting: The value of land that has water has sky-rocketed. I'm going to Hawthorn to buy every piece of property I can around the lake.

Wellington and Bridgeport meetings may be scheduled. We have two people from California at the table. What authority will the stakeholders have? It was clear that we have no decision making authority. We're advisory. They selected stakeholders to put a face on this whole project (excluding Mason Valley). The real decision makers are not known. They will have a web page in about a week. Follow up meeting in Bridgeport yesterday afternoon (only three people attended). The word is out and people are networking at the big meeting. There may not be a need for a follow-up meeting. Out of fairness, if they don't put someone on that board from Mason Valley, I would talk to our Board to give up that stakeholder's seat to someone in Mason Valley. We can ask as many questions as we want from the audience. 10 million for research. Friday we went to Lawler Events Center and saw Rod Stewart perform. He may be in his early 70's and has energy!

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Saturday we had a fireworks fundraiser for the 4th of July. Monday, meeting with Brian, Evan, and Marshall about these lot line adjustments. They are very complicated. We're going to put on a workshop 5/15. I've had two of them during the short time I've been on the Board. This Saturday we're going to Antelope Valley to participate in the Pasture Golf Tournament. It's a good fundraiser for a scholarship program.

Supervisor Bauer- Town Council's plans to how to solve their problems. We have districts as an advantage. Clerk-Recorder interviews and software demonstration. Berryhill- We may have him coming for the weekend of the opener. Cogdill is fighting with DFG. YARTS meeting by phone which was interesting. I am going to help the California Transportation Committee change their funding. We had our Community Unity dinner last night. Two of our deputy Sheriff's started this. They went to Costco and cooked it one night. Since then, the Women's club pitched in. It's not just for people who need to eat to try and create more synergy. June Lake/Lee Vining Mountain Express system is not doing well, at all. Little to no ridership. Our population is down to 400. Some of our regular work force is now starting to leave. We're pulling the plug on that transit. When things turn around in June Lake, it can be brought back. I joined a new committee- Mono County Youth Development Information (Friday Night Live and After School Programs). Bauer: We need a fish update. Wilbrecht: 4/17 Tim Alpers is putting on an hour workshop. We could have it the same day. Bauer: I will be gone.

Supervisor Hunt- Town Council Planning Commission meeting with Supervisor Bauer. I got a call and emails in the preservation of the Hoover. Boxer will not support legislation like this. He's new to Washington D.C. but he's motivated. Christina DeGeorge wants to set up two training sessions on emergency preparedness. Mammoth Lakes Housing meeting. Sierra Nevada Conservancy meeting tonight and tomorrow night in Bishop, and Thursday 4/5 here at the Memorial Hall- Goals/needs.

Supervisor Farnetti- Open House in Chalfant before I left for vacation and saw the two units that Mono County has. One of the teachers will be moving into it. I had a doctor appt down south (follow up). I visited my daughter and husband in Santa Monica. Went to our vacation home in Borego Springs. Went to Palm Desert for a conference. Went back to Borego for another week. I checked all my emails.

Supervisor Hazard- 3/21 attended the agenda meeting. I have to say that when we had this package coming to us, we didn't know what features we were looking for. Internally, the county was setting the stage to improve the process. Having a better understanding of the issues, I think this system is very impressive. I fully support moving this process forward. 3/22 Sheriff's Management negotiations and attended a meeting with Child Support Services with Julie Tiede. 3/26 met for breakfast with the Chief of the Mammoth Lakes Fire Department and Sheriff Scholl and looked at their existing tent where they house their equipment. LTC meeting- request for opening the Crestview area. I went to Bishop City Council and asked to explain the Hoover issues. I did the PowerPoint presentation. It was well-received and not agendized but presented under public comment. 3/28 Crowley Lake RPAC- typical attendance levels. Marshall explained the new formats and explained the problems and options. Post master was at the workshop meeting. We had an update on the mailbox situation in Crowley. It appears that the existing rural boxes have to change and institute a 911 address system. They will have package delivery down there too. It will be done over two phases. 3/29 received an invite to attend Forest Service "Their nitch."

They have a mandated program to develop their mission statement for services they're providing for Inyo. Inyo Forest has more visitors annually than all other forests in California combined. They may be as high as number #4 in the nation. Forest Management Plan- They can apply for specific funding to be able to capture and take care of deferred maintenance program in the campgrounds. Out of this meeting, came a separate discussion about the quality of the campgrounds in the area. If we're putting maintenance and services into these campgrounds, are we going to patch or upgrade our

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campgrounds to meet the demands of our current campers?

3/30 Highway 6 visioning plan- we got the format for our first public meeting. 3/31 White Mountain Estates Homeowners Association meeting. Last night met with the Tri-Valley EMS Committee. We began to do a final review of the language contained in the points of the report they're going to make.

We will create a final rough-draft for comments. I don't see any major changes. I've had 3 fire chiefs approach me to thank me for the increase in funding for the first-responder funds. They complimented Brian on his meeting with them. They felt Brian was being sensitive to their issues. Phone call from Dick Noles re letter to support his proposal for designated semi-primitive areas. We extended an invitation for him to make a presentation to us. He gave us informational packets (provided to Christy today). Bauer: Did you talk about a date? Hazard: Not as of yet. I've had a number of calls from the other side. Letter from CSAC indicating a request for support re: Fish & Game. Last night, in my mail I found a letter from California State Parks and Rec that Mono County received approval on a grant. I will follow up on that with Kelly. Received a notice that Mammoth Hospital is having a tour of their facilities on 4/5 (pre-opening tour of the new addition). Call: Completely disheartened on the snowmobile issue. We sent a compromise.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 1) **CAO Report re Board Assignments (David Wilbrecht)**
Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding his activities.

Antelope Valley Fire District (Thursday to look at their new building site). Next week- meeting with the District Board. Interested in working with the county. We can look at possible facilities for Health and Human Services and Paramedics. Agenda Review Committee will recommend software. Office of the Courts for the negotiation of land for the exchange parcel. They don't have full cash available to purchase. Land values have increased since the process started. We're working to improve the situation. Worked to complete the Sheriff's Management negotiations. Follow up with the Building Permit process. CSAC conference in Sacramento. Executive Director has gone to a new position. The program is very hands-on. Two large issues are Health Care and Corrections. Working with Supervisor Reid on a lot line adjustment.

- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Regular Meeting of March 20, 2007
(Bauer/Hunt 4-0; Abstain: Farnetti)

M07-81

CLOSED SESSION

Entered Closed Session at 9:05 a.m. thru 9:57 a.m.

Recess taken from 9:58 thru 10:06 a.m.

- 3) **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS.** Government Code section 54957.6. Agency designated representatives: David Wilbrecht, Marshall Rudolph, Robert Garret, Brian Muir, and Richard C. Scholl. Employee Organization: Mono County Sheriff Management's Association.

REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

(PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES EACH)

Brian Muir addressed the Board. The audit for last fiscal year has been completed. I'll have that in the next few weeks for the Board. Last week our department put on a workshop (33 attended). We didn't complete all that we wanted to. We'll do it again. I met with the Fire Chiefs, last week, about the audit requirements. They appreciate getting some assistance and will provide me with some written recommendations for financial assistance. I met with the CFO and Senior Vice President from our bank for a number of reasons. Our deposit agreement has expired and negotiated a new one. I want the capacity to borrow money in an emergency. County credit card program is still in process. They are very nice and slow. We're probably about 3 weeks from being able to issue cards.

Tom Wallace addressed the Board. Meeting between LPHS counties and Dr. Horton and his staff. Dr. Horton is now the Director of Health. We received an invoice with additional overhead costs. We heard threats that if we didn't pay, they would cancel their contract. We agreed that we would only be held to contract terms for 05/06 and 06/07 but they are insisting that we renegotiate the third year of the contract. They are expecting that we pay their full costs (including administrative overhead costs which are excessive). We did agree to reopen discuss about 07/08 and pin down some areas on how they calculate their overhead costs and the amount of personnel to administer this contract. We bought some time. I'll be back next week to give you a full report.

CONSENT AGENDA

*(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion
unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item)*

(Hunt/Farnetti 5-0)

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

- 4) Out-of-State Training
M07-82 ACTION: Approve travel for Stephanie Butters to attend Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) training in Chicago, Illinois. This five-day intensive course in governmental accounting, auditing, and financial reporting is only offered at GFOA headquarters. The GFOA provides excellent training, and one of the course instructors is the author of the standard governmental accounting text. Even though the training is not until August, classes fill rapidly. Estimated fiscal impact FY 07/08: \$3,100.

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- 5a) Inyo-Mono Fish & Game Advisory Commission
NO ACTION: Approve request for funds for Eastern Sierra Wildlife Care. Fiscal impact: \$4,000 FY 2006-2007.

Item 5 a pulled per Dan Lyster's request.

- 5b)** California Poppy Project
ACTION: Approve Chairman's signature on a Proclamation in Recognition of California Poppy Day, April 6, 2007 celebrating the 105th anniversary of California's State Flower. Fiscal impact: none.
- M07-83**

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- 6)** Certificate of Appreciation; Rick Kattelmann (**Supervisor Farnetti**)
ACTION: (1) Approve and authorize Chairman's signature on the Certificate of Appreciation. (2) Supervisor Farnetti to present certificate to Mr. Kattelmann. Fiscal impact: none.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE – TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR

- 7)** Transient Occupancy Tax Audit Findings (**Mark Magit, Rosemary Glazier**)
NO ACTION: Consider Transient Occupancy Tax audit appeal on behalf of Double Eagle Resort & Spa requesting reconsideration of audit results. Potential fiscal impact \$54,746.99.

Re-scheduled 4/17 by Brian Muir.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- 8) E911 for Mono County Phone System **(Clay Neely)**
M07-84 **ACTION:** (1) Approve County entry into proposed contract with Quagga LLC pertaining to E911 Module Installation, and authorize Chairman to execute said **contract** on behalf of the County. Receive staff report. Provide any desired direction to staff. (2) Authorize acquisition of a T1 line from AT&T to support the E911 installation. (3) Authorize Verizon to provide and maintain 911 database for County phones. Fiscal impact: \$4,074 (contingency funds) one-time charge - \$1,255.00 monthly or \$15,060.00 annually.
(Bauer/Hunt 5-0)

PUBLIC WORKS

- 9) Bid Opening, Vehicle Purchase for the Mental Health Department **(Evan Nikirk)**
M07-85 **ACTION:** (1) Open, read aloud, and record sealed bids submitted in response to Public Works' Invitation to bid to furnish one 2007 Subaru Forester 2.5X vehicle for the Mental Health Department. (2) Refer bids to the Public Works Department for review and recommendation.
(Reid/Hunt 5-0)

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- 10a) First Five Commission Appointments **(Supervisor Hunt)**
M07-86 **ACTION:** Approve and authorize the appointments of Tom Wallace, Mono County Health and Human Services Director, and Rick Johnson, MD, Mono County Public Health Officer, to serve subsequent three-year terms on the First Five Commission, beginning May 1, 2007 and expiring May 1, 2010.
(Hunt/Reid 5-0)
- 10b) Child Abuse Prevention Month **(Wild Iris Representative)**
R07-17 **ACTION:** Approve and authorize Chairman's signature on the Resolution proclaiming April as "Child Abuse Prevention" month. Fiscal impact: none.
- 10c) Sexual Assault Awareness Month **(Wild Iris Representative)**
R07-18 **ACTION:** Approve and authorize Chairman's signature on the Resolution proclaiming April as "Sexual Assault Awareness" month. Fiscal impact: none.

COUNTY COUNSEL

- 11) Retention of counsel in Oregon to enforce judgment against debtor location in Oregon
(Marshall Rudolph)
- M07-87** **ACTION:** Approve County entry into **agreement** with Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, Attorneys at Law, for the purpose of enforcing a judgment obtained by Mono County in 2001 against Vulcan Power Company, which has its principal offices in Bend, Oregon. Authorize County Counsel to execute said agreement on behalf of County. Receive oral staff report and provide desired direction. Fiscal impact: Anticipated revenue of \$17,877.88. Anticipated cost of between \$500.00 and approximately \$10,000.00 (dependant upon hours spent), with County ability to limit or cap hours at any time.
(Hunt/Farnetti 5-0)

PUBLIC WORKS

- 12) Bid Award, Vehicle Purchase for the Mental Health Department **(Evan Nikirk)**
- M07-88** **ACTION:** (1) Award bid to Sangera Subaru-Bakersfield, CA in the amount not-to-exceed \$16,278.62 (base bid and delivery included) for the purchase of one 2007 Subaru Forester 2.5X vehicle for the Mental Health Department. (2) Authorize the Public Works Director to prepare, process, and execute applicable purchase documents with said dealership on behalf of Mono County.
(Hunt/Reid 5-0)

13) Informational Discussion: Cost of Upcoming PERS Contract Amendment for Miscellaneous Employees (Robert Garret, Brian Muir)

ACTION: Discussion of upcoming CalPERS contract amendment for miscellaneous employees. During last year's negotiations with Mono County Public Employees, represented by International Union of Operating Engineers, Stationary Local 39, AFL-CIO the County agreed to amend our CalPERS contract to provide for the 2.7% @ 55 retirement formula, replacing the current 2% @ 55 formula. This is to inform the Board of the actuarial costs of the change and review negotiations. Fiscal impact: FY 07/08 \$652,000.

During our negotiation, we agreed we would change our retirement formula as of July 1, 2007 from 2% at 55 to 2.7% at 55. We are now entering into the contract amendment. The first step was for us to get an actuarial study done and to estimate the cost at doing this. I will bring to you the Resolution of Intent in order for us to make this amendment. This covers all miscellaneous employees in the county. Employee contribution rate will change from 7-8%. The employees will have to vote. MCPEA did give up salary increases for this. Reid: Once the labor union votes on this, then do we have further action based on that vote? Garret: We have to do a resolution before the end of April. Then I have to bring you an Ordinance. In between, we have to have an election (all county employees). Reid: If everything goes smoothly, then the State gets it back. How long before they put their stamp at it so people can pick their retirement date? Garret: The effective date will be July 1st. We can make the Ordinance effective the date that it is adopted (no later than early June). CALPERS- if you are an active employee on the effective date, you will receive 2.7 @ 55. Reid: When is the earliest date? Garret: If you're an active employee as of July 1st, then you can retire on July 2nd. Hazard: Paperwork requirements are at least a 90 day lead time. Reid: Do you have any ballpark figure as to how many people are going to retire? I'm aware of 5 vacancies that are going to occur.

Dublino: The projections were for higher. Why won't those projections put into the budget? Garret: We must be prepared for this in our 07/08 budget. When we negotiated this, it was a very big issue. We did not want to have a budget impact before the 07/08 budget. It does not affect the existing year. Dublino/Muir: Original was \$750,000+. When you make the estimate, you don't have the actuarial. It's going to be a reduction to what we estimated. Bauer: It's just been a number that is repeated. Estimated 07/08 line item in budget. Muir: Yes, but it's not adopted. Farnetti: We had some preliminary discussions as to revenues (property tax projections) plus the negotiation process. Garret: I tried to be conservative. It's always easier to deal with less than it's going to be. Dublino: 3% COLA increases- they only received 1.5 increases. Part of the tradeoff was taking a lesser COLA. Dublino: Do you have any idea what the COLA increase would have cost? Muir: 1% is \$100,000. Dublino: That would be \$150,000 @ 1%. Bauer: They are getting 1.5% COLA but could have received \$500,000 over five years. Muir: The number could change. They look at the pool of people and the demographics/life expectancy. There's no guarantee it will be the same next year. Garret: I'm projecting right now to 3.5-3.8 COLA. Muir/Hazard: Smoothing curve to iron out the differences. They do recover over 10-15 years. It's blended into all the other things that do into an actuarial.

ADJOURNMENT @ 12:17 p.m.

Mono County Board of Supervisor's next regular session will be on **April 10, 2007** at the hour of 9:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers, County Courthouse, Bridgeport, California.

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